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FM AMEMBASSY RABAT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3947

INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

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SUBJECT: KILLING OF TWO MOROCCANS IN SPAIN'S CEUTA ENCLAVE

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1. MOROCCAN PRESS DEC 2 AND 3 HAS MADE NO FURTHER MENTION OF KILLING OF TWO MOROCCANS NEAR BORDER OF CEUTA ENCLAVE NOV 30. OUR FEELING IS THAT GOM WOULD PREFER SEE THIS INCIDENT FORGOTTEN. AS REFTEL (B) POINTED OUT, MOROCCANS DO INDEED COMPLAIN FROM TIME TO TIME OF SMUGGLING THROUGH ENCLAVES. NEVERTHELESS, IN BOTH CEUTA AND MELILLA, CONTRABAND IS AN ESTABLISHED INSTITUTION WHICH, IN OUR VIEW, GOM GENERALLY IGNORES. AS NOTED REFTEL (A), ONLY ISTIQLAL HAS ATTEMPTED TO LINK KILLINGS WITH SAHARA IMBROGLIO.

2. FOR THEIR PARTY, SPANISH HERE ARE OBVIOUSLY SORRY ABOUT
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INCIDENT. IN PRIVATELY CONFIRMING TO US THE ACCOUNT OF

KILLINGS REPORTED IN SEMI-OFFICIAL MOROCCAN PRESS, SPANISH
EMBUNY WAS BRIEF AND APOLOGETIC. EMBASSY MADE IT CLEAR THAT
IT WISHED THIS PARTICULAR PROBLEM WOULD SIMPLY GO AWAY.

3. IN SUM, OUR FEELING IS THAT CEUTA INCIDENT IS NOT LIKELY
TO HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANT BEARING EITHER ON SAHARA SITUATION
OR ON STATUS OF ENCLAVES. SHOOTINGS PROBELY RESULTED FROM
MALFUNCTION OF CONTRABAND MACHINERY RATHER THAN REFLECTING
ANY LARGER POLITICAL DESIGN.
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